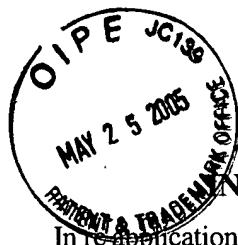


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## PATENT APPLICATION

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### COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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### REMARKS

Applicants note the "Reasons for Allowance" submitted by the Examiner in connection with allowance of claims 1-12 in the subject case, and submit comments as follows:

Applicants disagree with the Examiner's stated "Reasons for Allowance" insofar as the claim language paraphrased by the Examiner appears only in independent claim 1, although the Examiner has apparently cited this language in support of the allowability of independent claims 1, 8 and 11.

Applicants submit that the independent claims each stand on their individual merits and are allowable based on the individual claim limitations respectively appearing in each individual claim.

The Examiner is therefore invited to correct or clarify the obviously erroneous statements he has entered into the present record.

Respectfully submitted,

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